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Business News

Local company marks 50 years of service

Celebrating 50 years as a supplier of pulpwood to Continental Forest Industries' Hopewell mill is the O. S. Jamerson and Sons Company.

As one of the earliest dealers in Virginia's Piedmont, Oscar Jamerson loaded the first pulpwood at the "depot" in Appomattox in 1931 for the Hummel Ross Company, the predecessor of Continental's Hopewell mill.

The history of the O. S. Jamerson Company parallels the development and production of pulpwood in the Virginia Piedmont and its impact on the economy in the area and the concomitant growth of the paper industry.

Mr. Jamerson's business grew during the 1930s and he began loading pulpwood, crossties, and mine props at several other locations in Virginia. He operated woodyards at Phenix, Lynchburg, Pamplin, Lowry, Prospect and Concord. Phenix was the most active of all these yards. During this time, Mr. Jamerson shipped most of his pulpwood to Hopewell.

As close as could be determined from several sources, Mr. Jamerson received from $4.00 to $5.00 per unit for peeled pine pulpwood at the beginning. Out of that rate he had to pay labor, loading and stumpage. Railroad sidings and land was used free at that time to anyone who had a commodity to load.

Around 1940, Jack Garst from Boones Mill, Virginia became very active in the crossties and pulpwood business in the state of Virginia and especially on the N&W Railroad. He and Oscar Jamerson went into business together at Appomattox around 1940. All of the wood that was shipped from Appomattox was delivered in the name of Jack Garst but was still produced by Oscar Jamerson. It is interesting to note that, during World War II pulpwood suffered greatly due to the demand for mine props for the war effort. Mine props were sold by the piece which made this commodity very attractive to farmers because they could sell a few mine props for extra cash. Jack Garst and Oscar Jamerson became partners and when the business relationship was ended in 1956, O. S. Jamerson and Sons, Inc. was formed.

Oscar Jamerson's two sons, Thomas and Herbert, expanded the business. They purchased a couple of trucks to haul crossties from sawmills to sidings and the peeled, dried pulpwood from the woods to the siding. This was the beginning of the trucking business. As the businesses grew, Thomas became more active in the pulpwood and crosstie operation. Herbert handled the trucks. Today there are two companies: O.S. Jamerson and Son, Inc. which handles the pulpwood, and Jamerson Brothers Trucking Company which handles the trucks.

Pulpwood is still a very important part of the economy of Appomattox County. Much of this is due to the development and hard work that the Jamerson family put into their business. Today there are four woodyards in Appomattox County and a local papermill that also draws on resources from the county.

The pulpwood that O. S. Jamerson and Sons, Inc have shipped to Hopewell over the years has been vital to the success of Continental Forest Industries' mill.

Real estate classes to be offered at Longwood

Two evening classes, dealing with real estate and investments, will be offered this fall by the Department of Business and Economics at Longwood College.

Principles of Real Estate (Business 218) will be taught on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 in Jeffers Auditorium. The first class meeting will be September 1.

The course will cover material necessary to pass the Virginia Real Estate Examination. Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr., of Appomattox, will teach the course.

Principles of Investments (Business 341) will be taught on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:30, also in Jeffers Auditorium. First Class meeting is August 27.

Michael Madden, account executive with Wheat First Securities Inc., will teach the investments course.

No prior college attendance is required for either course.

Students may register for these classes on Tuesday, August 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Lower Dining Hall (at the rear of the Rotunda). Persons unable to register at the scheduled time may contact the Admissions Office (392-9251) or the Registrar's Office (392-9236).

Pamplin native named Texas police chief

Robert Lee Terry, a Pamplin native, has been named Chief of Police for San Antonia, Texas.

Terry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Terry, of Pamplin, is a 1963 graduate of Appomattox High School.

Following graduation he worked for Virginia Gear in Lynchburg until 1965 when he became a member of the Lynchburg Police Force, working as a patrolman. After seven months he was transferred to motorcycle patrol and worked in this capacity until 1969.

Moving to Florida, he began working for the police department, performing beach patrol duties near Cocoa Beach, specializing in narcotics trafficking.

In 1970 he moved to San Antonio, Texas where he joined the Alamo Heights Police Department. In 1976 he was named Assistant Police Chief, a position he held until he was named chief of Police in July.

Terry and his wife, Patti have two sons, John 8 and Brian 6.

Robert Lee Terry

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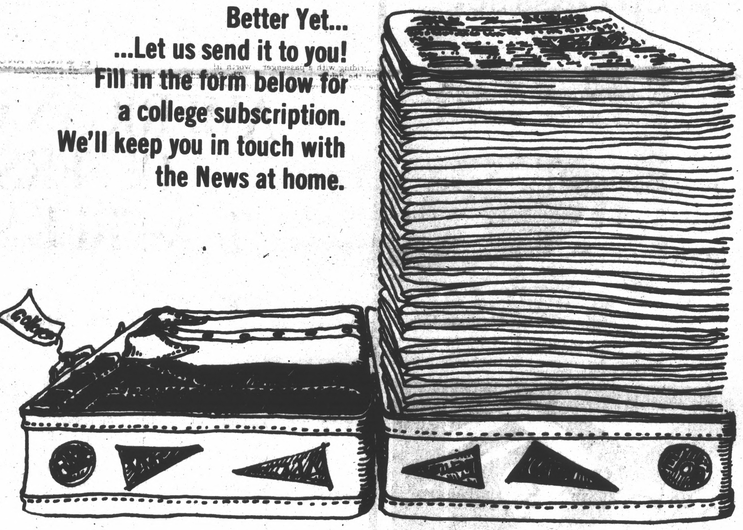

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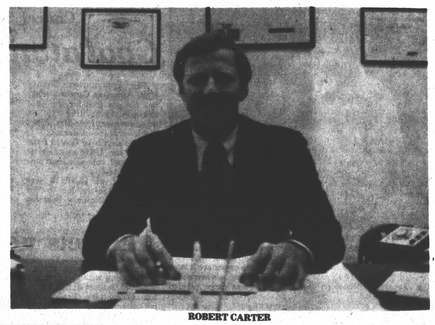
Coleman picks Robert Carter

Robert W. Carter, Appomattox Attorney, has been selected by Marshall Coleman to co-ordinate his Appomattox County campaign for Governor of Virginia.

Robert is married to the former Betsy Hurt, and they have four children: Bobby, Bill, Beth and Rebecca.

"I am pleased to assist the Marshall Coleman campaign for Governor, as I feel his prior legislative experience in both the Virginia House of Delegates and the Senate from 1972-75, together with his present experience as Attorney General are invaluable requisites for Governor of Virginia."

He adds, "A great majority of voters elected President Reagan in 1980 to reverse liberal spending policies, control inflation, and provide necessary tax cuts to stimulate a depressed economy. State tax and spending policies must be maintained on a parallel level with the economic recovery programs of the Reagan Administration, which assures tax payers of Virginia that there will be no added expenditures to necessitate any tax increases. Further, Mr. Coleman's record as Attorney General of Virginia has been exemplary, and I believe he is ready for the job as Governor of Virginia."



ROBERT CARTER

Ladies golf tourney slated

The Falling River Country Club ladies club championship golf tournament will be played on August 29 and 30. All lady golfers of the club are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the club snack bar.

The tournament will have a tee-off time of 9:00 a.m. on Saturday with a covered dish luncheon to follow play. Sunday's tee-off time will be 1:00 p.m. with a catered supper to follow play. The ladies will be flighted after Saturday's play and prizes will be awarded in each flight at the Awards Dinner on Sunday night.

Any questions concerning this tournament, please call Jane Lyon at 993-2437 or Doris Nash at 352-8146.

'Retreads'

You're never too old to motorcycle

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most of the members begin at $350.00 and up. Jeans are standard wear in the summer months for guys and gals alike.

When a member sustains a broken bone as a result of biking, he or she is given a patch to wear signifying they have had a 'break'.

Regardless of the make of the bike, however, there is a common denominator among Retread motorcycles. They are all big, touring machines. Most of the motorcycles in the group cost on an average of $7,000 or $8,000. If it is dressed in chrome, the cost goes higher and extra lights add still more.

As important as the machine to a biker are the accessories with which he chooses to adorn it.

The Whiteheads bike is equipped with C.B., tape, radio, and foot pedals for the rider.

The average gas mileage for the Whiteheads is 50 miles per gallon, riding with 'Two Up'.....riding with a passenger behind the driver.

The group goes often to meetings held at various places.....they bring home trophys too!

Restaurant owners and motel owners have often had misgivings to say the least when the "gang" rides in without being forewarned, but they usually warm up to them after they have talked for a few minutes and see what a nice group of people make up the Retreads.

On occasion restaurant owners have run completely out of food when they have arrived without reservations. In most instances the group makes reservations for meals and rooms well in advance.

Where do they ride....these Retreads? Everywhere, for pleasure and for profit too. They rode for the cause of Muscular Dystrophy when they rode August 15 and 16 for "Jimmy's Kids" and the MD Association.

Is biking an expensive hobby? Maybe, say the Whiteheads but it's really worth it!

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A Big One! IT'S A BIG ONE! And Martin Fleshman of Lynchburg proudly displays the eight pound large mouth bass he caught in Phoebe's Pond at Concord on Friday of last week. Fleshman, who has been fishing 'seriously' for approximately five years, used a Mepps Spinner to bring in this prize catch.

RUKI COLEMAN, WIFE OF VIRGINIA ATTORNEY General Marshall Coleman, was in Appomattox last Tuesday morning, campaigning for her husband, who is the Republican candidate for the governor's office. Talking with Mrs. Coleman are Appomattox County Republican activist Terry Conrad (left) and Times-Virginian editor Bill Sherrod. (Photo by Allen Austin).

AT AES

New plan unveiled

Tom Bowmann, principal of Appomattox Elementary School, announced this week that Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. will be set aside for students' parents to visit school officials.

Bowmann says the move is being made to accomodate parents who cannot schedule meetings during the day due to work commitments.

"Parents who wish to discuss their child's progress, curriculum, review cumulative records, and offer suggestions should contact the school at 352-7463," according to Bowmann.

Bowmann says that the evening conference periods have been well received by parents who have questions regarding their children's education but cannot visit the school during working hours.

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